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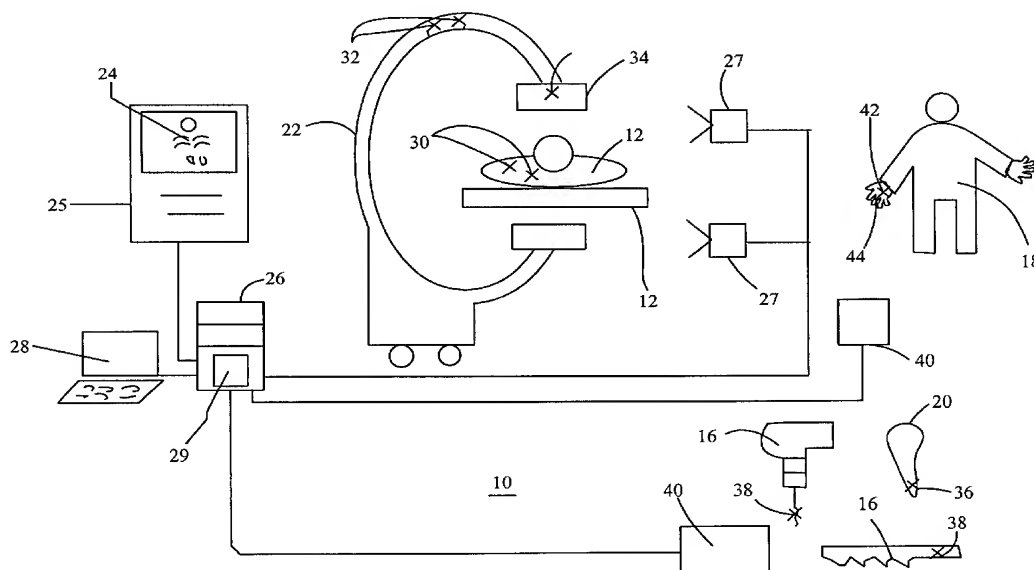
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(57) Abstract: As a general overview, the system (10) is used to assist the surgeon in performing an operation by acquiring and displaying an image of the patient. Subsequent movement of the patient and instruments is tracked and displayed on the image. Images of a selection of implants are stored by the system and may be called to be superimposed on the image. The surgical procedures may be planned using the images of the patient and instruments and implants and stored as a series of sequential tasks referred to defined datums, such as inclination or position. Gestures of the surgeon may be used in the planning stage to call the image of the instruments and in the procedure to increment the planned tasks.

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Box I Observations where certain claims were found unsearchable (Continuation of item 1 of first sheet)

This International Search Report has not been established in respect of certain claims under Article 17(2)(a) for the following reasons:

1. ☒ Claims Nos.: 15
because they relate to subject matter not required to be searched by this Authority, namely:
Rule 39.1(iv) PCT - Method for treatment of the human or animal body by surgery
2. ☒ Claims Nos.: 2-5, 15-17
because they relate to parts of the International Application that do not comply with the prescribed requirements to such an extent that no meaningful International Search can be carried out, specifically:
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3. ☐ Claims Nos.:
because they are dependent claims and are not drafted in accordance with the second and third sentences of Rule 6.4(a).

Box II Observations where unity of invention is lacking (Continuation of item 2 of first sheet)

This International Searching Authority found multiple inventions in this international application, as follows:

see additional sheet

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- ☐ The additional search fees were accompanied by the applicant's protest.
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This International Searching Authority found multiple (groups of) inventions in this international application, as follows:

1. claims: 1,6-14

A computer implemented method for enhancing interaction between a user and a surgical computer assisted system using hand gestures and bar code identification means.

2. claim: 19

A method for a computer assisted surgery system displaying a magnified virtual representation.

3. claims: 20,21

A method of assisting a surgical procedure by monitoring an implant and supervising a representation thereof on a beforehand obtained image of a patient.

FURTHER INFORMATION CONTINUED FROM PCT/ISA/ 210

Continuation of Box I.1

Claims Nos.: 15

Rule 39.1(iv) PCT - Method for treatment of the human or animal body by surgery

Continuation of Box I.2

Claims Nos.: 2-5, 15-17

The wording of claim 2 is not clear (Article 6 PCT), as there seems to be a grammatical error which renders claim 2, followed by dependent claims 3-5, incomprehensible (see especially "that is tracked").

The relation of the orientation of the image with respect to the imaging device in claim 15, followed by dependent claims 16 and 17, is not clear (Article 6 PCT). It is further not clear, what kind of information is extracted from the orientation (Article 6 PCT).

The applicant's attention is drawn to the fact that claims relating to inventions in respect of which no international search report has been established need not be the subject of an international preliminary examination (Rule 66.1(e) PCT). The applicant is advised that the EPO policy when acting as an International Preliminary Examining Authority is normally not to carry out a preliminary examination on matter which has not been searched. This is the case irrespective of whether or not the claims are amended following receipt of the search report or during any Chapter II procedure. If the application proceeds into the regional phase before the EPO, the applicant is reminded that a search may be carried out during examination before the EPO (see EPO Guideline C-VI, 8.5), should the problems which led to the Article 17(2) declaration be overcome.

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